

Taft Nomination Is Embarrassing To Congressmen

Republicans Fear to Support Him, and Will Run on Own Records, Is Report.

Loud and long lament is going up these days from Republican members of the House and Senate over the demoralized state of politics. Wherever two Republican members of Congress gather together now one may be sure politics is discussed. When three get together it is well-nigh certain there is a political conference.

Senate Republicans who come up for re-election the coming winter are troubled and embarrassed. And House Republicans whose fate will be determined in November are even more troubled.

One of the symptoms of this troubled state of mind is the talk which is being indulged about petitioning President Taft to quit the ticket and similar talk to have the contested case of the "tainted" delegates submitted to some impartial tribunal.

Talk of Taft Quitting.

The likelihood that President Taft would give up the place he holds on the ticket is extremely small. Still, this is talked of as a feasible way out of a difficult situation. Republican candidates for office are declaring that some way must be found to save the party, but it is impossible to repress the idea that what they really mean is to save themselves from themselves.

It is probable the talk about getting the President to quit the ticket will end nothing. It will, however, serve to make the situation more annoying for the President and will continue to keep feeling aroused concerning the manner of his nomination.

Letters and telegrams are piling in on Republicans in Congress, especially House Republicans, giving them all sorts of counsel as to what to do. These letters and messages are not all pleasant reading.

Some of them threaten political revenge of the course recommended is not taken.

Some of the letters attack Taft and predict dire happenings to the man who supports him. Others threaten trouble if Taft fails to get support.

Under such circumstances, the average Congressman does not know what to do. He fears that if he comes out as the nominee of his party he will be knifed and cut to pieces and he fears if he does not come out for Taft he will be smashed from another direction.

Must Rely on Records.

The situation about gets down to this. In the States where anti-Taft sentiment is strongly pronounced: Republican candidates for Congress, House and Senate alike, will be compelled to make their Congressional campaigns distinct from the campaign on the Presidential ticket.

Members of the House and Senators will have to go before the people on their own records and seek re-election on the strength of those records. So far as the Presidency is concerned, it will be laid to one side as far as this is possible.

In other words, the campaigns of Republican candidates for House and Senate this year are going to be in large measure personal. In some cases the candidates will repudiate the President as the nominee, and in others they will refuse to approve him and in others they will give him support.

It may be predicted, however, that in but few districts will the President have such support from Congressional nominees as to add to his strength.

Progressive Republicans in Congress who will not support Taft and are not ready for a third party will endeavor to secure re-election on the strength of proved service to the progressive cause.

In districts where there is a third party nominee, the progressives in House and Senate will not have the opportunity to make nearly as effective use of their records as elsewhere. It is known that Democratic leaders in the fight to control Congress are banking much on this.

In other words, these are perilous times for the candidate. "These are great days for the stormy petrel in politics," said Representative Victor Murdock. "I must say, though, the petrel hardly knows where to light."

Congressman Rees, a Kansas progressive, acknowledges he has prepared a petition, which he may circulate, asking the President to get out of the race in the interest of "party solidarity." Mr. Rees suggests the matter should be presented to Mr. Taft by some of his close friends, although no insurgent has any idea that the President will retire.

Nevertheless, the Rees petition, which is said to be similar in tenor to several others now reposing in the pockets of various progressives, reads as follows: "Mr. President: 'he Republican party, in our judgment, is in a perilous position by reason of the unprecedented proceedings of the Chicago convention. It is freely charged that the Republican national committee, in preparing

To Open Bureau



JAMES B. REYNOLDS, Who Has Gone to New York to Take Charge of Taft Headquarters.

The temporary roll of the convention, ignored the expressed will of the rank and file of the Republican voters in choosing their delegates to that convention, and in many instances seated delegates who had never been elected to that body; and that these high-handed proceedings were carried to the extent of turning a minority into a majority; and that this illegally constituted majority proceeded to ratify the action of the committee, and to make nominations for President and Vice President of the United States; and that you, Mr. President, owe your title to the Republican nomination to the Presidency to the votes of these illegal seated delegates.

"This charge, if made by a few disgruntled ones, might be lightly ignored, but whether true or false, even without the shadow of justification, when made by more than a third of the delegates who participated in that convention, and believed to be true by millions of people who read the proceedings, it becomes so serious that it involves in doubt not only your election, but that of the entire Republican ticket, and threatens to disrupt the party itself."

"Under the circumstances, we, the undersigned Republicans urge upon you the patriotic duty of considering a plan to avert the threatened disaster. We would respectfully request that as a means of relieving yourself of any odium attendant upon this convention, you should call a new convention in order that the coming campaign may be conducted along the lines of the great and fundamental questions of public policy, instead of descending into a quarrel within our own party over your right to be regarded as our lawful nominee."

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REYNOLDS GOES TO NEW YORK TO OPEN TAFT HEADQUARTERS

Campaign for President's Re-election Is Formally Launched.

President Taft's campaign for re-election was formally launched today when James B. Reynolds, newly elected secretary of the Republican national committee, left for New York to establish temporary headquarters. He will be followed Monday by Chairman Hilles, who will resign Saturday at the President's Secretary.

Today Secretary Hilles began cleaning up his desk preparatory to vacating. Chairman Hilles indicated today that little will be done toward active campaigning until the subcommittee of the national committee meets July 19 at New York to elect a treasurer and executive and advisory committees to aid Chairman Hilles in conducting the campaign.

Senator Sanders, of Tennessee; Roy O. West, of Illinois; Ralph E. Williams, of Oregon; William Barnes, Jr., of New York; and Arthur J. Vorys, of Ohio, are mentioned for places on the "big executive committee, or on the

To Have Aid.

Although titular head of the campaign work, Chairman Hilles will have the active aid and counsel of the "practical politicians" of the party, like Barnes and James Wadsworth, of New York, and A. W. Stevenson, of Colorado. "Jim" Watson, of Indiana, and the Hon. Henry J. Finley, of Ohio, are mentioned for places on the campaign councils.

Chairman Hilles today expressed the opinion that three headquarters—at New York, Chicago, and on the Pacific coast—are practically certain. Portland, Ore., is his choice for the Western headquarters. Maintenance of the Pacific coast office is Hilles's own idea.

Opening of a literary bureau will be one of the first efforts of Chairman Hilles. This bureau, to manage stump speakers' tours and distribute campaign documents to voters, will probably be at New York. A seasoned newspaper writer will probably be in charge.

Within a few weeks final arrangements will be made for formal receipt by President Taft of his notification of nomination. The ceremony hereinafter Taft was named at the Chicago convention, and most of the members are expected to attend President Taft's desire to have the ceremony here instead of at his summer home, at Beverly, Mass. The first week in August is picked for the event, which will be marked by an elaborate social function at the White House.

To Sound Battle Cry.

President Taft's speech, accepting the nomination, is expected to sound the Republican battle cry and also define the President's attitude toward the Roosevelt third party workers.

To squarely take issue with the Democrats upon their "tariff-for-revenue-only" platform dictum is planned by the President, making the tariff and the trusts the principal campaign issues. The President will declare for Federal supervision and regulation of trusts and the curb for "big business."

Attorney General Wickersham today expressed his sentiments regarding Hilles' promotion as follows: "Mr. Hilles' appointment is a good one. The thing to do now is to get busy and map out a campaign. In almost any sort of a campaign, political and otherwise, I have noticed that the side which completes its organization first is generally the one that wins."

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WILSON-MARSHALL ORGANIZATION WILL BE STARTED HERE

Big Ratification Meeting to Be Held Probably in August.

A Wilson-Marshall ratification meeting will be held in Washington this month under the direction of the Wilson-Marshall Democratic Club, which will meet in the rear parlor of the New Ebbitt at 830 tonight to complete its organization. The ratification will be held in one of the larger theaters or possibly in Convention Hall.

It is probable that Charles A. Douglass will be the first president of the organization, as he is the only man talked of today. The committee on organization will present a slate to the meeting tonight. This list of proposed officers will include all except vice presidents. The committee on organization comprises Charles A. Douglass, C. J. Owens, Henry E. Davis, E. I. Bent, Jr., Walter A. Johnson, George P. Hoover, Henry J. Finley, Charles W. Darr, Walter C. Barstow, and Claude N. Bennett.

The club proposes to establish permanent Democratic headquarters in Washington, and to acquire or build a club house. Even in years when the Democrats are not in power, which is most of the time, there are many Democrats of prominence in Washington, and the local members of the party feel that some sort of permanent club should be maintained.

The Wilson-Marshall Club will devote itself to raising campaign funds, to sending voters home to register and vote, to distributing campaign literature, and supplying campaign orators to the States near Washington. The funds raised will be divided between the national committee, and the aid of those voters who cannot afford to go home to vote. All Democrats in the District have been invited to affiliate with the club. The only other club started so far is the marching club, which J. Fred Kelley is backing. This club will maintain an organization to assist in ratifications and campaign gatherings.

The Democrats anticipate victory this fall, and the organizations are being laid with half an eye to the responsibility that would devolve upon District Democrats if they were required to play a conspicuous part in inauguration ceremonies next March.

Prohibition Candidates Leave for Convention

Matthew E. O'Brien and John R. Mahoney left Washington last night for Atlantic City, where they will represent the District of Columbia in the prohibition convention. They are expected to return Friday.

These delegates, together with Albert Shoemaker and Mrs. Sarah Smith as alternates, were chosen at meeting held in O'Brien's law office about two weeks ago.

At that time resolutions were passed directing the delegates to "get busy" in the cause of prohibition as soon as the candidates of the major parties were named, and to try to get from them statements as to their position on the prohibition question.

May Be Promoted



—Photo by Harris & Ewing.
RUDOLPH FORSTER, Who Is Mentioned As Probable Successor to Secretary Hilles.

NORRIS APPEALS TO NEBRASKA VOTERS TO REJECT TAFT

In Statement to Electors He Pleads for Progressive State Platform.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 10.—Congressman George W. Norris, insurgent leader in the House and candidate for the Senate, today appealed to progressives to control the State platform convention, July 25, in Lincoln. Norris said: "There will undoubtedly be an attempt on the part of stand-pat Republicans to promulgate a stand-pat platform and to endorse the political larceny by which a defunct national committee packed the Chicago convention with a sufficient number of stolen delegates to give Mr. Taft his alleged nomination."

"The moral effect of the platform adopted at Lincoln will be great. It will have a tendency to show whether Nebraska Republicans are progressive or reactionary. There is no doubt that the rank and file of the Republican party in Nebraska are almost unanimously in favor of progressive principles, and are practically a unit in opposition to the fraudulent and dishonest methods that were used by discarded political bosses in Chicago to steal the Presidential nomination."

"We ought to show the nation that the Republicans of Nebraska repudiate any political machine that by such unjust and dishonest manipulations attempts to thwart the wish and will of patriotic and loyal citizens."

FORSTER MAY GET PLACE VACATED BY SECRETARY HILLES

Assistant to President Look- ed Upon by Many as Logical Successor.

Rudolph Forster, who has been assistant secretary to Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft, and whose service at the White House extends over a period of more than fifteen years, is looked upon by many as the logical successor to Charles D. Hilles, as private secretary to President Taft.

Hardly had the announcement been made that Mr. Hilles had been named chairman of the Republican national committee than rumors began to be circulated regarding his probable successor.

Other candidates who are being boosted by friends to replace Mr. Hilles include Robert Bailey, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Sherman Allen, assistant secretary of President Taft; LeRoy Vernon, of the Chicago News, who managed Mr. Taft's publicity campaign for renomination; Richard V. Oulshausen, former chief of the New York Sun bureau in Washington, who was chief of the publicity bureau which aided in electing Mr. Taft four years ago; and Gus J. Karger, of the Cincinnati Times-Star, who is one of the President's political advisers.

MACHINE WINS IN ATLANTIC CITY FIGHT

Fifty Alleged Repeaters Arrested During Day—Struggle Was Bitter.

ATLANTIC CITY, July 10.—In one of the bitterest municipal fights ever waged in this city, Harry Bacharas, Dr. J. E. Thompson, William H. Bartlett, Albert Beyer, city treasurer, and William Riddle were elected commissioners under the recent Walsh act.

They will take over the reins of the city government next Tuesday. Bacharas was the center of the fire. He had failed to reappoint Louis Kuehnle water commissioner immediately upon taking his seat, on the ground that Kuehnle had been indicted on a technical charge of having awarded to a company in which he was interested a contract for laying a water main across the Meadows.

During the day and last night nearly twenty men were arrested charged with being repeaters, brought here for the purpose of padding the registry lists in order to aid Bacharas and Thompson. The Republican organization elected three of its five candidates—Bartlett, Beyer, and Riddle. All men elected are Republicans.

New University Head. NEW ORLEANS, July 10.—Dr. Robert Sharp, a native of Lawrenceville, Ga., and dean of the graduate department of Tulane University, has been elected acting president of the university, to succeed Dr. Edwin C. Crahan, who resigned to become president of the University of Montana.

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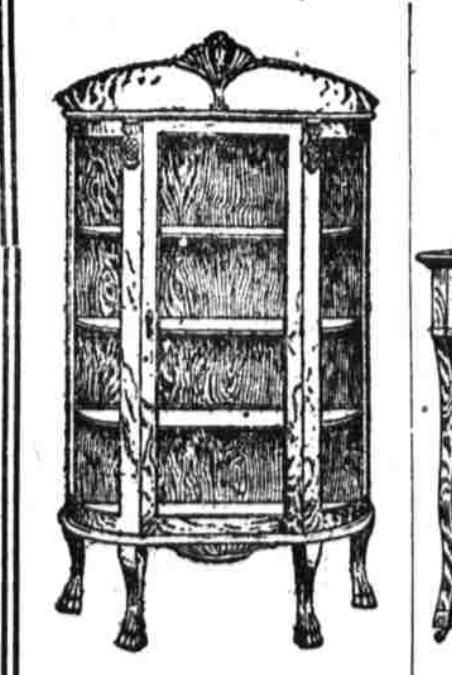
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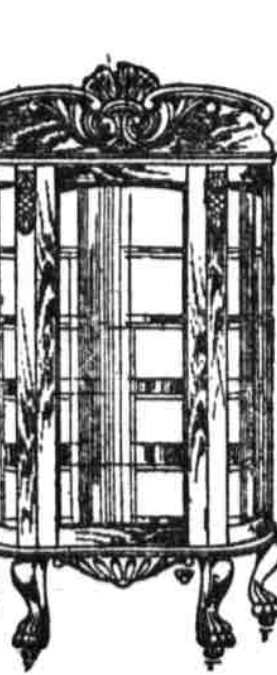


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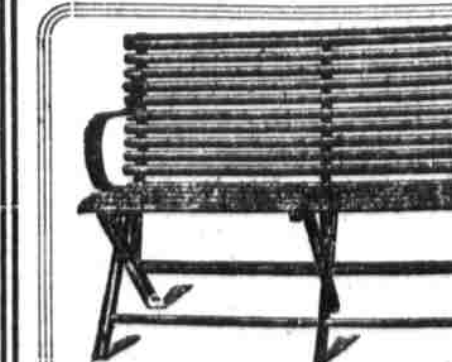
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